

**CALLING ALL NATURALISTS AND NATURALIST WANNA-BEs to**

**"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"**

**Natural History Talks/Workshops/Fieldtrips 1-3p.m. or As Noted**

**SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2010**

**Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm Wings and Wildflowers at Prophetstown State Park ----- outdoor pgm—STPK**

*Visit a fen and prairie at their peak: butterflies, birds and blooming plants put on quite an end-of-summer display!*

**Mary Cutler (Tippecanoe County Naturalist)** will lead this trek along the trails in our local state park.

**Bring binoculars & bug repellent! \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: a \$6 per car park gate fee is required for entry!**

**Sep 8<sup>th</sup> 8-10pm Pictures in the Late Summer Sky ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—LNC**

*Learn how to find and identify major constellations & asterisms of the late summer sky with **George Wyncott (Wabash Valley Astronomical Society)**. Indoor slide show will be followed by an outdoor search for planets, star clusters, nebulae and constellations, weather permitting. **Bring binoculars & folding chairs for stargazing!***

**Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm Pharmaceuticals in the Environment & Their Impact on Aquatic Life - indoor pgm—LNC**

**Marisol Sepulveda (Purdue Professor of Ecotoxicology & Aquatic Animal Health--FNR)** will discuss the major types of pharmaceuticals and personal care products that have been detected in streams and rivers across the U.S. and present some information regarding their impact to fish and aquatic invertebrates.

**Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> 7-9pm Monarch Migration & Conservation ----- indoor/outdoor pgm—LNC**

**Reni Winter (Master Naturalist & monarch aficionado)** gives a presentation on monarch butterfly migration and conservation, followed by a demonstration of tagging and releasing monarchs.

**Sep 29<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm Insect Songsters ----- indoor pgm—LNC**

*In this presentation on the sounds of insects, **Tom Turpin (Purdue Entomologist)** will talk about the why and how of insect songs and the species that fill the summer and night air with their clicks, scrapes and hums. Join us and stridulate along if you like! (We will be inside for most of the time but may step outside for an actual performance.)*

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Rain Gardens ----- indoor pgm—LNC**

**Stewardship Coordinator Dan Dunten** tells us how to landscape shallow depressions in the lawn with native plants in order to capture & temporarily hold rainwater from a roof, parking lot, or other impervious surface--reducing the runoff to a drain or ditch. Participants leave with a 30-page "how-to" booklet and info on a special \$150 cost share program for Lafayette/WL homeowners!

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Fall Colors Walk at CLEGG ----- outdoor pgm—CLEGG**

**Jim Peterson (CLEGG Garden manager & property steward)** leads a walk through this wooded ravine—a beautiful natural area—to enjoy the fall colors of the many different trees and shrubs along the way!

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Bryophytes & other Non-flowering Plants of Fall Creek Gorge -- outdoor pgm—POTHOLES**

Join **Bryologist Bill McKnight** on a hike through moderate terrain in search of the mosses, ferns, liverworts and lichens of this amazing natural area in Warren County. **NOTE: professional quality hand lenses (\$30) available for purchase on this hike.**

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Raptors in Rehabilitation and Education ----- indoor pgm—LNC**

**Carol Blacketer (Executive Director, Wildcat Wildlife Center)** will share the unique challenges that are part of rehabilitating raptors. The role these charismatic birds play in education may be highlighted by a visit from the Center's newest feathered ambassadors!

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-9pm Emerald Ash Borer ----- indoor pgm—LNC**

**Lynn Layden (West Laf. Tree Fund Chair)** and **Jodie Ellis (Exotic Insect Educ Coordinator, Purdue's Dept of Entomology)** give you a chance to become experts on the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive exotic beetle that is wreaking havoc with North American ash trees! Layden will discuss local strategies for dealing with the pesky bug as well as explaining the difference between ash trees and their look-a-likes. Ellis will focus on the history of this disaster and the management of the pest for homeowners!

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Late Migrant & Winter Resident Birds -- Bring binoculars! --- indoor/outdoor pgm—LNC**

**Susan Ulrich (avid birder active in Sycamore Audubon Society)** talks about resident birds plus some of the winter sparrows—White-throated & Tree, along with Golden-crowned Kinglets, and later migrating ducks such as Gadwalls, American Widgeon, and Green-winged Teal; indoor program is followed by a birding walk at the Celery Bog marsh.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Fruits of Fall—featuring Persimmons ----- indoor pgm—BEEC**

**Sally Weeks (Purdue Dendrologist)** and **Lynn Layden (Master Gardener and committed cook)** will discuss native and heirloom fruits of fall that can be found in Indiana—including persimmon, pawpaw and native nuts. Tasting is part of this experience in using our local produce!

**LOCATIONS of these FREE PROGRAMS which are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**BEEC (Brier Environmental Educ Ctr):** In Battle Ground, watch for sign on Prophet St, close to intersection with N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

**CLEGG (CLEGG Garden):** In Lafayette, on 400E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N.

**LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area):** In WL, on north side of Lindberg Rd, between Northwestern & McCormick.

**POTHOLES (Fall Creek Gorge):** In Warren County. Limited parking, so join **CARPPOOL** from LNC at 12noon.

**STPK (Prophetstown State Pk):** Enter the park via Swisher Rd (off North Ninth St, just south of Battle Ground); meet at the Coneflower Picnic Shelter in Prairie View Picnic Area. **PLEASE NOTE: Pass or \$6/car gate fee is required for entry.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO HELP WITH PROGRAM PLANNING, contact:**

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